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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES REBOUND DESPITE SLOWDOWN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, November 7 - - After two months of decline, building permits in the nations's 200 largest cities upturned in January, some 2.5 per cent, to $2,239,448,528 from $2,184,572,996 in December, reports Dun & Bradstreet. Permit activity rose a heftier 28.2 per cent when compared with the year-ago, January 1979, pace of $1,746,778,126.

In the 199 cities outside New York, building permits grew 11.5 per cent during the first month of 1980, advancing to $2,198,492,895 from $1,971,631,929 the month earlier. Substantial increases occurred in Seattle, Atlanta, Dallas, and Washington, D.C.. The 199 cities also posted a 29.1 per cent gain from the $1,703,657,561 volume of January 1979. Leading in this year-to-year advance were Atlanta, Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco, and Hollywood (Florida).

Running contrary to all of these increases, plans filed by builders in New York fell during January 1980 to $40,955,633. This was less than one-fourth the unusually high $212,941,067 level registered in December, and more moderate 5.0 per cent below the year-before reading of $43,120,565.

At the end of the initial month of 1980, Los Angeles, Houston, Dallas, Seattle, and Phoenix led the country in total permit valuations. Seattle and Phoenix joined the top five, attaining a higher ranking than they had held either in the comparable month of 1979 or at the close of last year.

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2. JANUARY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1977 - 1980

	1980	1979	1978	1977
January.....	$ 2,239,498,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475
February.....		1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159
March.....		2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441
April.....		2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353
May.....		2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958
June.....		2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861
July.....		2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619
August.....		2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131
September....		2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053
October.....		2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510
November.....		2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094
December.....		2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368
TOTAL		$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first month of 1980 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

		Jan. 1980	% Change Jan. 1979
1.	Los Angeles, California.....	172.5	+ 42.9
2.	Houston, Texas.....	139.4	- 17.8
3.	Dallas, Texas.....	77.4	+ 44.0
4.	Seattle, Washington.....	75.4	+ 185.5
5.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	65.9	+ 57.7
6.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	58.6	+ 871.5
7.	San Francisco, California.....	57.7	+ 249.7
8.	Chicago, Illinois.....	51.0	+ 220.5
9.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	45.1	+ 119.1
10.	San Diego, California.....	45.1	+ 25.4
11.	Hollywood, Florida.....	44.6	+ 1097.8
12.	Washington, D.C.....	43.3	+ 146.0
13.	New York, New York.....	41.0	- 5.0
14.	Memphis, Tennessee.....	38.1	+ 240.2
15.	Portland, Oregon.....	36.2	+ 247.1
16.	Columbus, Georgia.....	32.3	+ 887.4
17.	Amarillo, Texas.....	30.0	+ 1180.5
18.	Austin, Texas.....	29.8	- 16.8
19.	Richmond, Virginia.....	29.6	+ 633.3
20.	Corpus Christi, Texas.....	28.1	+ 275.0
21.	Colorado Springs, Colorado.....	24.8	+ 106.5
22.	Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	24.1	+ 78.8
23.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	21.9	+ 52.2
24.	Jacksonville, Florida.....	20.9	+ 25.3
25.	San Jose, California.....	20.5	+ 34.3

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PRESPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTAIL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS, LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		JANUARY 1980	DECEMBER 1979	JANUARY 1979
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	13,935,889	201,302,147	21,214,200
	BRONX	1,005,300	4,119,900	751,600
	BROOKLYN	3,685,400	2,384,390	2,999,600
	QUEENS	13,938,730	2,986,600	9,203,150
	RICHMOND	8,390,314	2,148,030	8,952,015
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	40,955,633	212,941,067	43,120,565
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	51,005,649	71,631,992	15,915,918
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	172,536,757	173,821,044	120,736,479
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	15,329,754	8,743,527	13,236,455
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	6,581,213	7,849,104	11,316,199
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	139,415,478	119,693,319	169,532,276
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	15,324,965	16,997,908	11,295,617
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	77,367,476	38,512,444	53,723,278
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	43,302,730	5,670,691	17,603,412
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	2,802,805	1,904,569	2,940,042
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	9,014,561	10,410,545	16,344,793
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	5,162,832	6,265,547	3,906,378
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	57,662,541	30,904,190	16,489,786
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	45,068,079	42,103,252	35,930,326
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	16,265,685	21,494,516	26,368,537
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	12,481,000	8,065,000	15,749,937
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	38,102,674	13,240,081	11,200,479
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	13,963,038	13,242,425	3,686,525
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	12,163,744	5,718,407	13,590,633
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	65,922,164	75,931,071	41,808,645
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	12,140,127	25,283,269	6,863,737
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	75,428,632	22,939,481	26,424,456
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	20,888,711	10,729,989	16,676,460
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	7,483,338	2,333,698	2,406,391
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	13,502,912	20,210,197	19,793,000
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	6,202,517	18,372,489	6,201,517
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	58,584,860	15,227,311	6,030,644
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	629,095	4,019,903	1,106,612
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	16,086,309	12,618,885	6,199,489
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	13,273,022	13,387,464	9,231,490
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	20,500,185	28,164,913	15,265,253
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	14,410,039	20,757,786	78,135,182
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	19,673,118	25,732,456	15,371,284
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	15,819,340	11,233,442	7,536,037
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	36,167,198	20,974,280	10,418,995
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	1,173,805	330,925	9,515,900
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	21,864,555	10,742,741	14,362,625
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	18,480,470	39,020,444	3,787,945
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	7,159,370	2,448,000	1,244,815
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	13,176,055	8,028,422	10,277,920
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	5,940,062	5,220,588	20,999,827
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	20,279,768	82,665,345	9,319,092
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	24,067,400	23,483,406	13,457,650
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	45,137,692	76,855,323	20,601,677
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	17,246,388	10,370,544	17,459,820
46.	ST. PAUL MINNESOTA	5,517,121	19,151,664	3,095,030
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	6,458,176	2,422,069	1,280,968
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	10,717,787	4,839,424	1,703,903
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	3,922,915	3,646,390	1,876,097
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	14,090,663	4,714,519	8,479,247
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	15,757,811	5,966,820	4,195,998
52.	AKRON, OHIO	4,092,101	2,867,759	937,615
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	14,370,948	15,173,033	19,779,381
54.	JERSEY, CITY, NEW JERSEY	1,774,450	676,707	184,000
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	8,507,703	20,895,191	24,627,776
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	29,809,400	29,047,963	35,821,646
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	29,614,672	4,623,888	4,038,300
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	17,603,790	10,456,066	17,247,609
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	1,026,748	5,325,242	2,204,185
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	12,079,287	13,370,334	5,779,760
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	10,478,640	7,591,445	3,906,755
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	28,068,633	7,147,082	7,484,172
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	3,811,500	6,422,600	4,420,394
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	1,929,722	1,370,149	5,770,955
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	13,948,735	3,263,905	2,639,550
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	529,605	318,435	1,799,930
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	799,623	2,797,175	7,499,730
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	9,033,699	7,659,361	11,544,520
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	5,051,880	4,461,518	8,585,333
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	257,868	186,041	232,540
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	3,833,150	2,494,300	3,073,900
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	5,699,822	8,505,136	1,431,554
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	2,113,620	8,557,024	353,763
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	4,641,259	13,933,820	8,092,239
75.	GARY, INDIANA	601,115	1,235,983	449,508
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	9,220,201	4,092,069	7,350,002
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	1,877,073	7,924,080	5,537,996
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	17,200,256	6,690,083	16,578,483
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	5,667,498	10,469,740	3,903,178
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	1,233,306	1,780,407	1,130,410
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	10,832,237	12,371,612	7,464,478
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	20,429,826	8,257,152	9,339,206
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	11,211,394	13,612,237	7,965,024
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	6,069,628	2,204,276	6,217,497
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	3,791,459	5,723,701	5,380,252
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	7,340,334	5,222,997	3,473,357
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	637,150	1,452,417	1,277,804
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	2,102,311	7,790,254	5,721,102
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	32,277,128	3,756,504	3,268,961
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	9,779,808	2,692,685	7,952,029
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	2,865,227	5,548,955	3,037,010
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	4,701,874	7,330,786	5,807,575
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	4,396,128	2,464,719	985,513
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	523,683	618,163	349,488
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	4,903,089	8,434,458	2,649,599
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	8,081,950	3,773,243	5,758,909
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	554,459	575,970	87,329
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	19,121,835	2,871,225	2,577,150
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	1,699,212	1,058,472	606,423
100.	NEW PORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	1,344,175	4,406,782	2,356,518
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	5,557,564	5,694,810	4,060,740
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	4,876,980	4,650,152	546,897
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	24,799,421	8,194,413	12,007,275
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	5,335,005	5,383,890	1,874,600
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	8,601,500	2,296,400	6,647,600
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR.	4,651,832	1,300,460	1,854,642
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	1,993,864	11,089,898	11,190,148
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	5,519,324	16,012,482	19,356,552
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	2,085,582	5,199,761	3,427,210
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	212,838	436,400	8,645,500
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	24,975,517	6,990,447	2,340,990
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	1,818,588	2,048,200	316,600
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	17,281,773	10,497,894	15,011,951
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	2,491,156	1,013,980	621,846
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	2,034,397	2,178,699	7,192,115
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	1,437,545	862,650	3,312,313
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	2,460,609	2,841,700	4,251,115
118.	RALEIGH, NO. CAR.	16,712,386	8,713,567	7,861,330
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	1,474,559	1,182,987	2,691,412
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	5,428,623	2,035,969	1,961,497
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	16,880,864	2,978,657	5,397,209
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	2,273,167	2,263,880	3,623,629
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	4,238,885	1,190,621	902,707
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	6,197,889	3,938,429	5,507,460
125.	RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA	3,483,169	7,061,353	4,600,358
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	834,173	1,612,070	225,863
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	4,271,957	2,130,639	673,148
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	6,555,187	16,233,217	4,204,431
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	354,310	484,750	149,605
130.	INDEPENDANCE, MISSOURI	865,137	1,247,837	844,735
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	1,853,345	1,358,667	3,118,431
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	3,985,850	1,850,090	1,318,258
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	514,354	12,912,699	6,364,865
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	3,211,583	1,290,076	835,375
135.	CANTON, OHIO	490,697	433,588	11,855,260
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	2,093,195	252,394	193,243
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	4,807,110	21,467,810	68,047,406
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	5,091,368	2,904,656	3,414,307
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	312,125	974,821	372,300
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	833,809	1,180,602	1,052,750
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	4,421,833	14,899,402	13,211,541
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	44,595,612	55,566,220	3,723,268
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	1,760,130	178,113	259,102
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	3,075,687	1,924,758	8,923,982
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	762,878	2,836,376	13,056,076
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	3,118,961	961,507	652,712
147.	CANDEN, NEW JERSEY	121,955	390,747	242,205
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	5,179,742	492,624	1,035,258
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	1,895,150	4,974,004	860,380
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	3,564,700	18,180,900	19,846,300
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	829,579	2,897,216	482,173
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,798,159	1,665,135	844,954
153.	PARMA, OHIO	209,800	849,550	557,000
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	7,930,976	4,378,924	2,909,661
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	5,455,688	2,748,743	5,785,433
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	819,417	2,270,714	1,011,272
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	3,890,539	2,957,190	3,646,205
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	915,609	566,913	2,128,829
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	7,441,490	4,220,076	7,984,756
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	253,800	291,800	168,719
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	2,322,613	2,026,783	3,288,062
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	10,946,835	28,902,097	6,605,557
163.	WACO, TEXAS	2,840,790	2,771,462	4,341,195
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	547,315	1,488,521	139,000
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	9,328,475	257,480	11,433,875
166.	HAYWAR, CALIFORNIA	7,526,204	9,795,720	4,096,803
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	3,742,326	4,509,396	4,903,553
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	1,365,453	741,530	2,662,036
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	320,503	66,386	427,915
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	449,400	339,390	171,650
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	937,144	1,255,671	669,079
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	531,175	302,849	22,000
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	336,787	741,999	1,222,733
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	16,560,977	13,363,810	11,641,978
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	1,929,425	2,415,890	93,396
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	907,466	2,822,680	206,296
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	3,078,350	2,190,950	1,283,741
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	5,424,479	3,250,914	5,300,065
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	10,467,503	1,841,845	4,010,609
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	8,112,915	641,470	6,424,429
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	225,390	370,873	3,045,585
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	11,312,943	7,350,002	957,448
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	532,276	3,711,035	175,885
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,965,813	1,578,627	1,224,425
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	5,863,677	2,893,509	5,265,735
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	737,025	76,000	154,600
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	253,161	457,995	242,090
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	1,069,228	4,043,753	1,177,900
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	378,210	2,564,835	3,815,594
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	3,898,215	7,438,925	12,813,009
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	1,594,250	511,107	430,678
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	4,471,287	7,736,628	6,386,055
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	3,262,869	1,281,653	672,246
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	184,327	1,249,504	60,650
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	981,054	228,685	1,186,788
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	1,102,996	8,581,801	6,044,804
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	318,056	197,865	117,805
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	907,577	1,362,277	3,342,696
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	173,455	133,150	1,532,610
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	387,580	417,692	317,462
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